

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A clear fruit-juice based beverage composition comprising:
 - (a) a source of protein in an amount from about 0.5 to about 10 wt % of the composition, wherein the protein source is a combination of whey protein isolate and whey protein hydrolysate;
 - (b) a source of carbohydrate in an amount from about 1 to about 30 wt % of the composition;
 - (c) a source of edible acids in an amount from about 0.01 to about 3 wt % of the composition; and
 - (d) a source of fruit juices in an amount from about 5 to about 40 wt % of the composition, ~~wherein said fruit juice is not specially processed~~.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the composition is clear, has a pH of 4.0 or less, and has a viscosity of less than about 40 centipoises.
3. (Original) The composition of claim 2 the composition has a viscosity of less than 20 centipoises.
4. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of fruit juices is in an amount from about 10 to about 40 wt %.
5. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of carbohydrate comprises from about 5 to about 25 wt % of the composition.
6. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of carbohydrate comprises from about 8 to about 20 wt % of the composition.
7. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of protein comprises from about 2 to about 8 wt % of the composition.
8. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of edible acids comprises from about 2 to about 7 wt % of the composition.
9. (Cancelled) The composition of claim 1 wherein the protein source comprises at least one protein selected from the group consisting of whey protein isolate and whey protein hydrolysate.
10. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1 ~~wherein the protein source is a combination of whey protein isolate and whey protein hydrolysate~~, and wherein whey protein hydrolysate comprises up to 20 wt % of the combination.
11. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the carbohydrate source comprises at least one carbohydrate selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, HFCS 42, HFCS 55 and maltodextrin.
12. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of carbohydrate is a combination of maltodextrin and at least one other carbohydrate selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, HFCS 42, and HFCS 55, and wherein maltodextrin comprises up to about 25 wt % of the combination.
13. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of edible acids comprises at least one edible acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, phosphoric acid, and malic acid.

14. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the source of edible acids comprises a combination of malic acid and at least one other edible acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid and phosphoric acid, and wherein malic acid comprises up to about 30 wt % of the combination.
15. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising from about one-tenth to about three times the recommended daily allowance of one or more minerals.
16. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one mineral selected from the group consisting of calcium, potassium, magnesium, iron, sodium, iodine, molybdenum, chromium, selenium, zinc, and copper.
17. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one water-soluble vitamin.
18. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one vitamin selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin E, panthotenic acid, biotin, folic acid, and niacin.
19. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising up to about 5 wt % of the composition of at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of pectin, cellulose gum, xanthan gum, gum arabic, polydextrose, inulin, and arabinogalactan.
20. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising up to about 5 wt % of the composition of at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of polydextrose, inulin, and arabinogalactan.
21. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising from about 0.5 wt % to about 4% of the composition of at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of polydextrose, inulin, and arabinogalactan
22. (Original) The composition of claim 1 further comprising up to about 0.1 wt % of the composition of at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of pectin, cellulose gum, xanthan gum, and gum arabic.
23. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the protein source is whey protein isolate.
24. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the carbohydrate source is a combination of sucrose and fructose.
25. to 31. (cancelled without prejudice)